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CHAPTER 10: THE QUEEN'S JUSTICE

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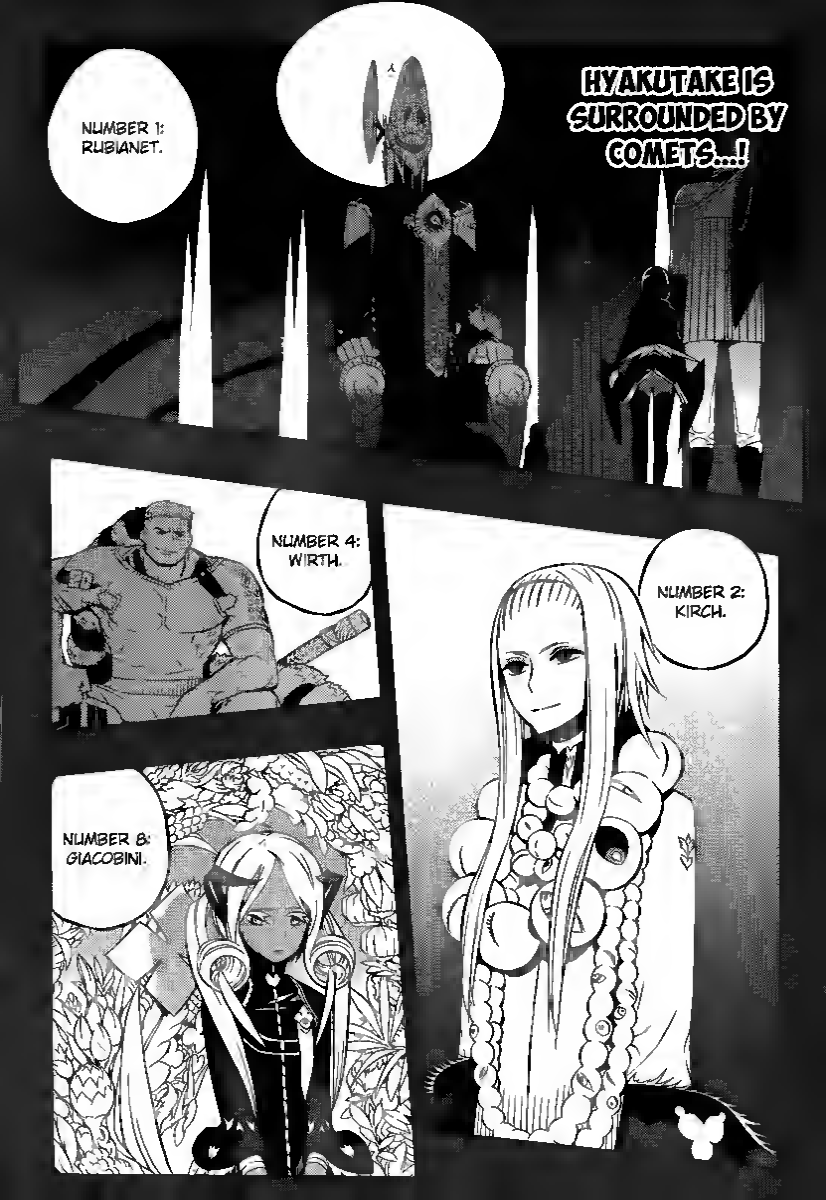
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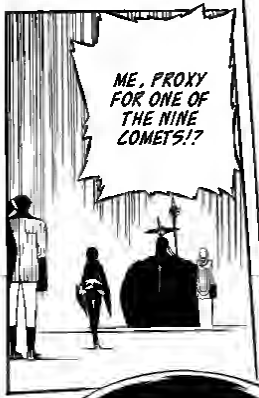
HYAKUTAKE IS SURROUNDED BY COMETS...!
NUMBER 4: WIRTH.
NUMBER 2: KIRCH.
NUMBER 8: GIACOBINI.

NUMBER 9: OLJATO.
NUMBER 7: NEAT.
FILLING IN AS PROXY FOR NUMBER 3, TEMPEL.
SUFIT.
FILLING IN AS PROXY FOR NUMBER 5, ENCKE.
BIELA LABIA
AND NUMBER 6,
WHO IS STILL MISSING...
HYAKUTAKE, WHY HAVE YOU NOT GREETED HER MAJESTY?
!!

RISE.
MY ETERNAL LOYALTY AND LOVE TO HER MAJESTY!
Y-YES!
JUMP
YAEHA, SHE WAS YOUR GRAND-MOTHER, WAS SHE NOT?
FIFTEEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE SUIZEI WENT MISSING.

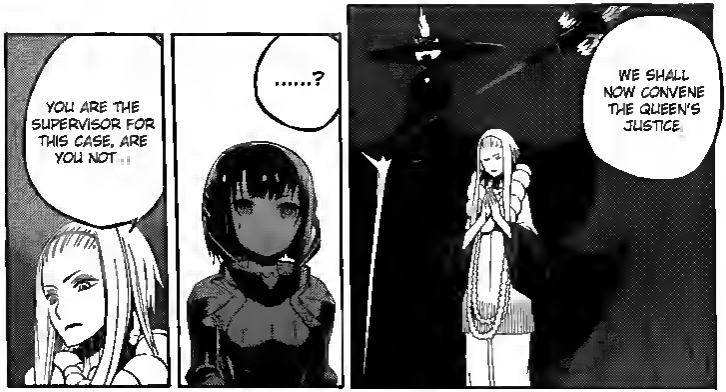
!!?

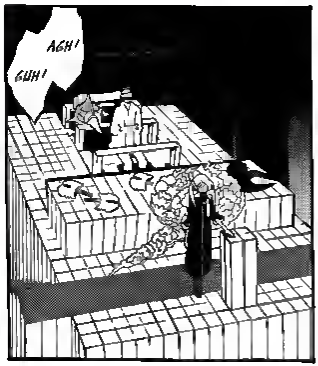
I HAVE GROWN WEARY OF STARING AT THAT STATUE IN HER PLACE
I AM APPOINTING YOU AS HER PROVISIONAL PROXY.


ME, PROXY FOR ONE OF THE NINE COMETS!?

A PROVISIONAL PROXY. WE ARE WELL AWARE OF YOUR .. LACK OF STRENGTH
EVEN SO, YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED THIS HONOR.

IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING...?
I WILL NOT FAIL YOU!
DO NOT DISAPPOINT US
I'M ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE QUEEN!
THUMP
NOW, ON TO THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.


YOU ARE THE SUPERVISOR FOR THIS CASE, ARE YOU NOT...
.....?
WE SHALL NOW CONVENE THE QUEEN'S JUSTICE.


AGH!
GUH!

I AM.
GIACOBINI?

YESTER-DAY,
WE ASCERTAINED THE LOCATION OF THE SHOOTING STAR SOLDIER WHO VANISHED DURING THE SEARCH FOR AGEHA SURVIVORS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, HE HAS BECOME MENTALLY UNSTABLE DUE TO THE SEVERANCE OF HIS TAIL.
MEGANESHU MORNINGSTAR
THREE STARS, RANK 21. CONFEITO TAIL.
ON THE DAY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE,
WE ALSO DISCOVERED A CAMP THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED.
WE CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE SURROUNDING AREA.
INCLUDING TAIL HUNTERS, 232 BODIES WERE DISCOVERED.
WE WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT MEGANESHU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE KILLS.

HIS TAIL WAS CUT.
STILL
SO... HE AT LEAST MADE HIMSELF USEFUL BEFORE BEING DEFEATED.
HKM!
HKM
A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE BLOOD LEFT ON HIS WEAPONS REVEALED
THAT ONE PERSON
WAS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE BODIES WE DISCOVERED.
WE BELIEVE THAT THE TAIL HUNTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS WOUNDS...
ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER SURVIVORS...
SQWEEZE

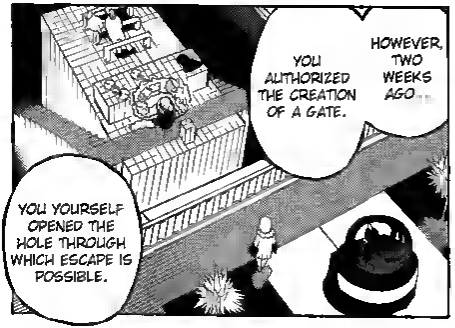
ARE STILL ON THE RUN IN THE FOREST.
!!
IT'S THEM!!
THESE GUYS ARE FROM AGEHA!
WHAT!?
NO MARKINGS ON THEIR EARS!
!?
!!

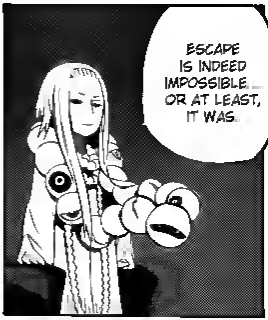
ELDER...
HE'S RIGHT...
?
!!
HALT! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
CLANK
.....

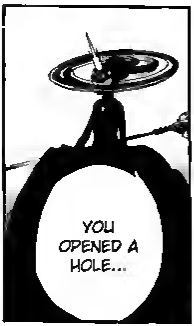
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE BASTARD WHO BEAT THIS GUY IS STILL OUT THERE!?
I'M AFRAID SO...
DID YOU CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR THEM!?
YES, OF COURSE. HOW-EVER.
YOU LET THEM ESCAPE!?
THAT IS NOT ALL.
YOU FAILED TO EVEN LOCATE THIS SHOOTING STAR, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS JUST WANDERING AROUND THE FOREST IN HIS CURRENT STATE.

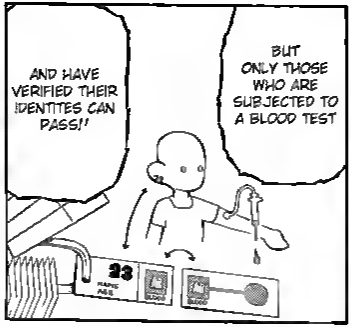
I HAVE NO USE FOR SUCH WORTHLESS FOOLS AS YOU! DIE!!
I BELIEVE I ORDERED YOU TO DIE.
JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME! I'M SURE I'LL FIND THEM!
PLEASE!
TREMBLE
THE FOREST IS VERY LARGE, AND SEARCHING THE WHOLE THING WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT! JUST ...
Y-YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

THE ENTIRE FOREST IS SURROUNDED BY AN IMPENETRABLE WALL!!
THEY CAN'T ESCAPE!


HOWEVER, TWO WEEKS AGO...
YOU AUTHORIZED THE CREATION OF A GATE.
YOU YOURSELF OPENED THE HOLE THROUGH WHICH ESCAPE IS POSSIBLE.


ESCAPE IS INDEED IMPOSSIBLE... OR AT LEAST, IT WAS.


YOU OPENED A HOLE...


AND HAVE VERIFIED THEIR IDENTITIES CAN PASS!'
BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECTED TO A BLOOD TEST
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I DID...
I AUTHORIZED PASSAGE IN JUST ONE LOCATION

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TELL ME... WHY DID YOU OPEN A GATE?
YOUR MAJ-ESTY...
PLEASE FORGIVE MY FOOLISH MISTAKE...
DO NOT MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF.
MANY OF YOUR BELOVED PEOPLE REMAINED WITHIN THE WALL!
I KNEW THAT IF THEY HAD BEEN KILLED BY MISTAKE,
BECAUSE OF THE CRIMES OF THE PEOPLE OF AGEHA, IT WOULD CAUSE YOU GREAT PAIN AND GRIEF!
YOU DARE PRESUME TO KNOW HOW I FEEL!?

I WAS A FOOL...
FORGIVE ME...
RUBIANET
DISPOSE OF HER

.....
FLARE
IS THAT ROUND THING... HIS TAIL?
CREAK

GAH!!
HYAKUTAKE IS NOW ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE QUEEN... BUT HAS SHE GOTTEN IN OVER HER HEAD!?
BOOM!
«TO BE CONTINUED

OTHER SHOOTING STARS:

SHOEMAKER: CAROLYN JEAN SHOEMAKER AND HER HUSBAND EUGENE MERLE SHOEMAKER CO-DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF ASTEROIDS AND COMETS. SHE ALSO HOLDS THE RECORD FOR MOST COMETS DISCOVERED BY AN INDIVIDUAL.

MEGANESHU MORNINGSTAR: THE NAME OF THIS LOWER-RANKED COMET IS A REFERENCE TO THE NICKNAME GIVEN TO JAPANESE BASEBALL PLAYER MAKABE KENJI. HE, LIKE THIS CHARACTER, WEARS GLASSES, WHICH ARE 'MEGANE' IN JAPANESE.

HIS TAIL IS REFERRED TO AS 'CONFEITO.' THE JAPANESE WORD 'CONPEITOU' REFERS TO A SMALL SUGAR CANDY THAT LOOKS MUCH LIKE THIS GUY'S TAIL.

THE NINE COMETS:

NUMBER 2, KIRCH: GOTTFRIED KIRCH WAS A GERMAN ASTRONOMER BORN IN 1693.

NUMBER 3, TEMPEL: ERNST WILHELM LEBERECHT TEMPEL, BORN IN 1821, WAS A GERMAN ASTRONOMER AND DISCOVERER OF OVER 20 ASTEROIDS AND COMETS.

NUMBER 3'S PROXY, SUFIT: ALISHA SUFIT IS A SINGER FAMOUS FOR THE SONG "COMET IN MY SKY" IN 1972.

NUMBER 4, WIRTH: DR. JUERGEN WIRTH PHOTOGRAPHED COMET C/1996 B2 (KNOWN AS HYAKUTAKE IN JAPAN) IN 1996.

NUMBER 5, ENCKE: OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS 2P/ENCKE, ENCKE'S COMET IS A PERIODIC COMET THAT ORBITS OUR SUN ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS.

NUMBER 5'S PROXY, BIELA LABIA: BARON WILHELM VON BIELA WAS A GERMAN-AUSTRIAN MILITARY OFFICER AND AMATEUR ASTRONOMER WHO DISCOVERED THE COMET 3D/BIELA, WHICH SPLIT INTO TWO AND DISINTIGRATED. WE'LL LET YOU FIGURE OUT THE REST OF THE NAME YOURSELF.

NUMBER 6, SUIZEI: A REFERENCE TO THE JAPANESE WORD "SUISEI," MEANING "COMET." SUIZEI IS ALSO THE NAME OF THE SECOND EMPEROR OF JAPAN, WHOSE NAME IS SOMETIMES ROMANIZED AS "SUISEI."

NUMBER 6'S PROXY, HYAKUTAKE: COMET HYAKUTAKE (FORMERLY DESIGNATED C/1996 B2) WAS DISCOVERED ON JANUARY 31, 1996 BY YUJI HYAKUTAKE. DUBBED THE GREAT COMET OF 1996, IT WON'T RETURN FOR ABOUT 70,000 YEARS. IT ALSO HAD THE LONGEST TAIL KNOWN FOR A COMET.

NUMBER 7, NEAT: THE NEAR-EARTH ASTEROID TRACKING SYSTEM (NEAT) WAS A NASA PROGRAM THAT RAN FROM 1995 TO 2007 TO DISCOVER NEAR-EARTH ASTEROIDS AND COMETS.

NUMBER 8, GIACOBINI: MICHEL GIACOBINI DISCOVERED A PERIODIC COMET IN 1900 WHICH IS NOW DESIGNATED 21P/GIACOBINI-ZINNER.

NUMBER 9, OLJATO: 2201 OLJATO IS A NEAR-EARTH ASTEROID DISCOVERED IN 1947.

*NUMBER 1, RUBIANET, DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A REFERENCE TO ANY HISTORICAL FIGURE OR CELESTIAL BODY THAT WE COULD FIND.